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	Examiner Christopher J. Novosad	Art Unit 3671

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on February 14 and 16, 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,3-10,15-29,32,33,36-44 and 46-50 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,3-10,15-29,32,33,36-44 and 46-50 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 2, 11-14, 30, 31, 34, 35 and 45 have been canceled.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.
- (e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 1, 3-10, 15-29, 32, 33, 36-44 and 46-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kaarlela '657.

Note base member 11, wear member 12 and lock 13, 16-19.

Claims 1, 3-10, 15-29, 32, 33, 36-44 and 46-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jusselin et al. '605.

Note base member 18, wear member 20 and lock 34.

Claims 1, 3-10, 15-29, 32, 33, 36-44 and 46-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Robinson et al. '534.

Note base member 24 (Fig. 4), wear member 20 (Fig. 5) and lock 10.

Claims 1, 3-10, 15-29, 32, 33, 36-44 and 46-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mack '063.

Note base member 14, wear member 16 and lock 100.

Claims 1, 3-10, 15-29, 32, 33, 36-44 and 46-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Fidler '810.

Note base member 14, wear member 12 and lock 48,50,52.

Claims 1, 3-10, 15-29, 32, 33, 36-44 and 46-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Robinson et al. '431.

Note base member 24, wear member 14 and lock 18,20.

Claims 1, 3-10, 15-29, 32, 33, 36-44 and 46-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Olds et al. '330.

Note base member 12, wear member 14,15 and lock 34,42,44,30,32,28,18a.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher J. Novosad whose telephone number is 571-272-6993. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 5:30am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Will can be reached at 571-272-6998. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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